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The parents of Carl and Sophia's attackers demand justice. While Maggie doesn't want to rush to judgement, she places Carl in a cell for his own safety. Right next to Lydia, the young Whisperer Jesus captured. Meanwhile, Gregory suggests the easiest way to deal with the parents' problems...

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WHAT?

WHAT?!

NOW YOU GET COLD FEET?
YOU'VE BEEN COMPLAINING
ABOUT HER FOR *MONTHS*.
NOW THAT I'VE PRESENTED
A SOLUTION, YOU'RE GOING
TO FREAK OUT
ON ME?



NOBODY
EVER SAID
ANYTHING ABOUT
KILLING ANYONE.
YOU'RE TAKING IT
TOO FAR,
GREGORY!

AM I? DANTE AND HIS MEN ARE
LEFT OUT IN THE WILD WITH NO
HELP ON THE WAY! THE BOY WHO
ALMOST KILLED YOUR SONS... HE'LL
BE AT DINNER TONIGHT. YOUR
SONS WILL *ALWAYS* BE
IN DANGER.



KILLING
MAGGIE
COULD SAVE
LIVES.



I THINK WE *ALL* AGREE
WE'D BE BETTER OFF
IF I WERE IN CHARGE
AGAIN.



KEN HAD INJURED HIS LEG...
I DRUG HIM SO FAR,
CARRIED HIM LONGER THAN
I THOUGHT I COULD...
MY ARMS, THEY
WERE NUMB.

I LEFT KEN...
I JUST
LEFT HIM
THERE.

I LEFT
HIM TO
DIE.



WE KNOW,
MARCO.
WE KNOW
ALL ABOUT
KEN, AND
WE'RE
SORRY.

I NEED YOU TO
TELL ME ABOUT THE
TALKING ROAMERS
NOW. DO YOU
REMEMBER?

THEY... WERE
WHISPERING.



THE RAIN WAS SO LOUD
WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT
WE WERE HEARING AT
FIRST... AND I THOUGHT
I WAS IMAGINING THINGS...
THEN THEY WERE
CLOSER... JUST
ABOVE US...

WE COULD
HEAR THEM SO
CLEARLY... LOOKING
FOR US. THEY WERE
TALKING ABOUT HOW
WE'D LOST THEM...
THEY FOUND US
EVENTUALLY.

I BARELY
GOT AWAY...
KEN, HE...





WHAT DID YOU DO TO MAKE THEM PUT YOU IN HERE?

YOU'RE IN THE SAME PLACE I AM. THAT MEANS YOU DID SOMETHING BAD.

OR ARE YOU HERE TO SPY ON ME?



NO. I CAN'T EVEN SEE YOU... SO I'M NOT IN A GOOD POSITION FOR THAT.

SOME GUYS ATTACKED MY FRIEND. I BEAT THEM UP... ALMOST KILLED THEM. SO... I'M IN TROUBLE FOR THAT.



YOU SAVED YOUR FRIEND? THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A BAD THING.



TELL ME ABOUT IT.



WERE THEY JUST REALLY IMPORTANT? WERE THEY YOUR LEADER'S KIDS?



NO... THAT'S THE ONE I SAVED.



YOU PEOPLE MAKE LESS AND LESS SENSE TO ME.

NO. I GET IT, IT **DOES** MAKE SENSE. PEOPLE THINK I'M OUT OF CONTROL, AND I WAS **REALLY** ANGRY AND I WENT A LITTLE FURTHER THAN I KNEW I SHOULD'VE... BUT I KNOW WHY I'M BEING PUNISHED.

WE DON'T KILL ANYMORE. THAT WAS OKAY ONCE, BUT NOT NOW... WE'RE TRYING TO BE BETTER, TO HAVE CIVILIZATION AGAIN.

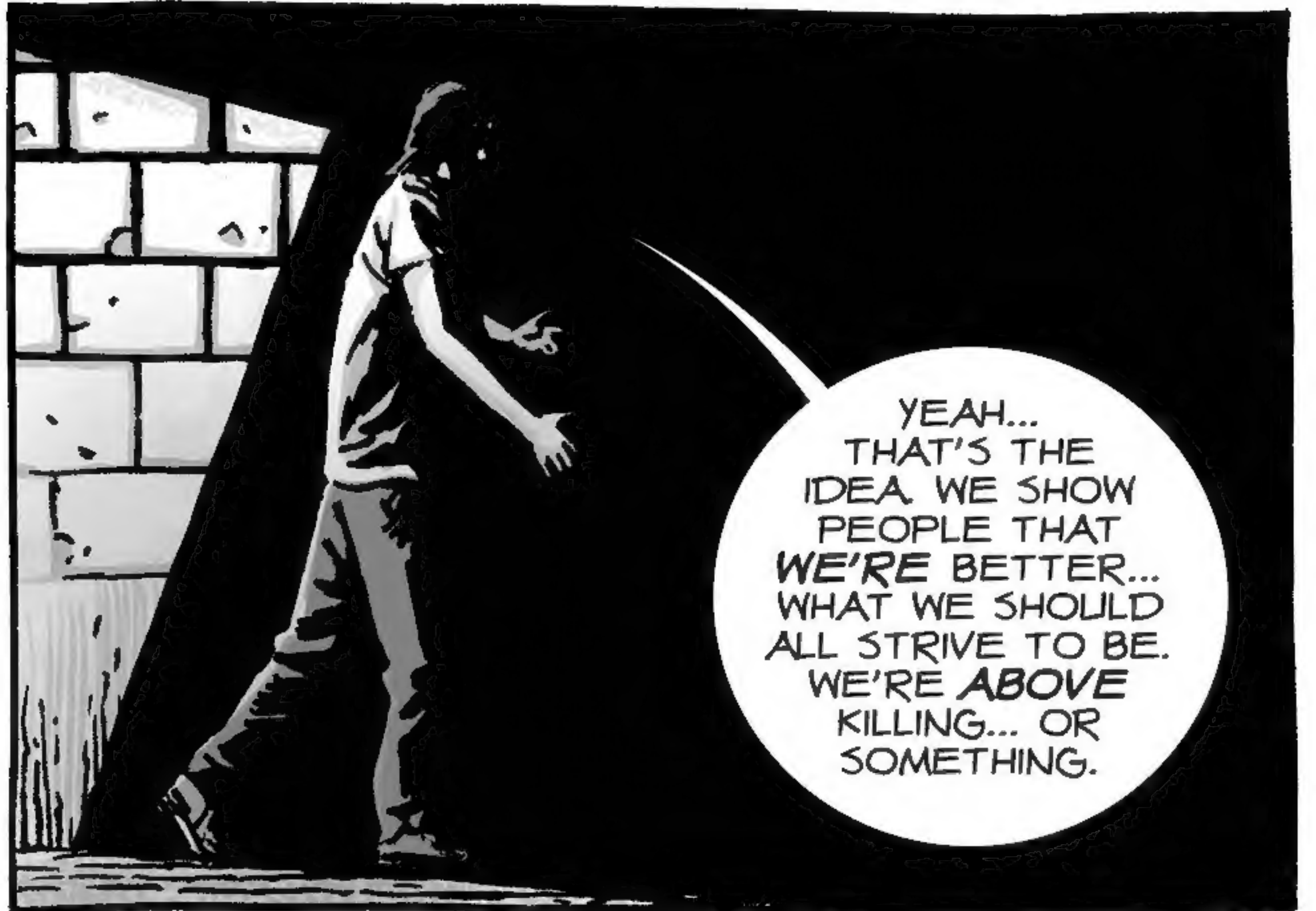
I GET IT.



SO YOU DON'T KILL ANYONE... EVEN IF THEY'VE KILLED SOME OF YOUR PEOPLE?



YEAH... THAT'S THE IDEA. WE SHOW PEOPLE THAT **WE'RE** BETTER... WHAT WE SHOULD ALL STRIVE TO BE. WE'RE **ABOVE** KILLING... OR SOMETHING.



WELL, THAT'S A RELIEF.



YOU, LIH... KILLED SOME OF OUR PEOPLE?



YEAH.

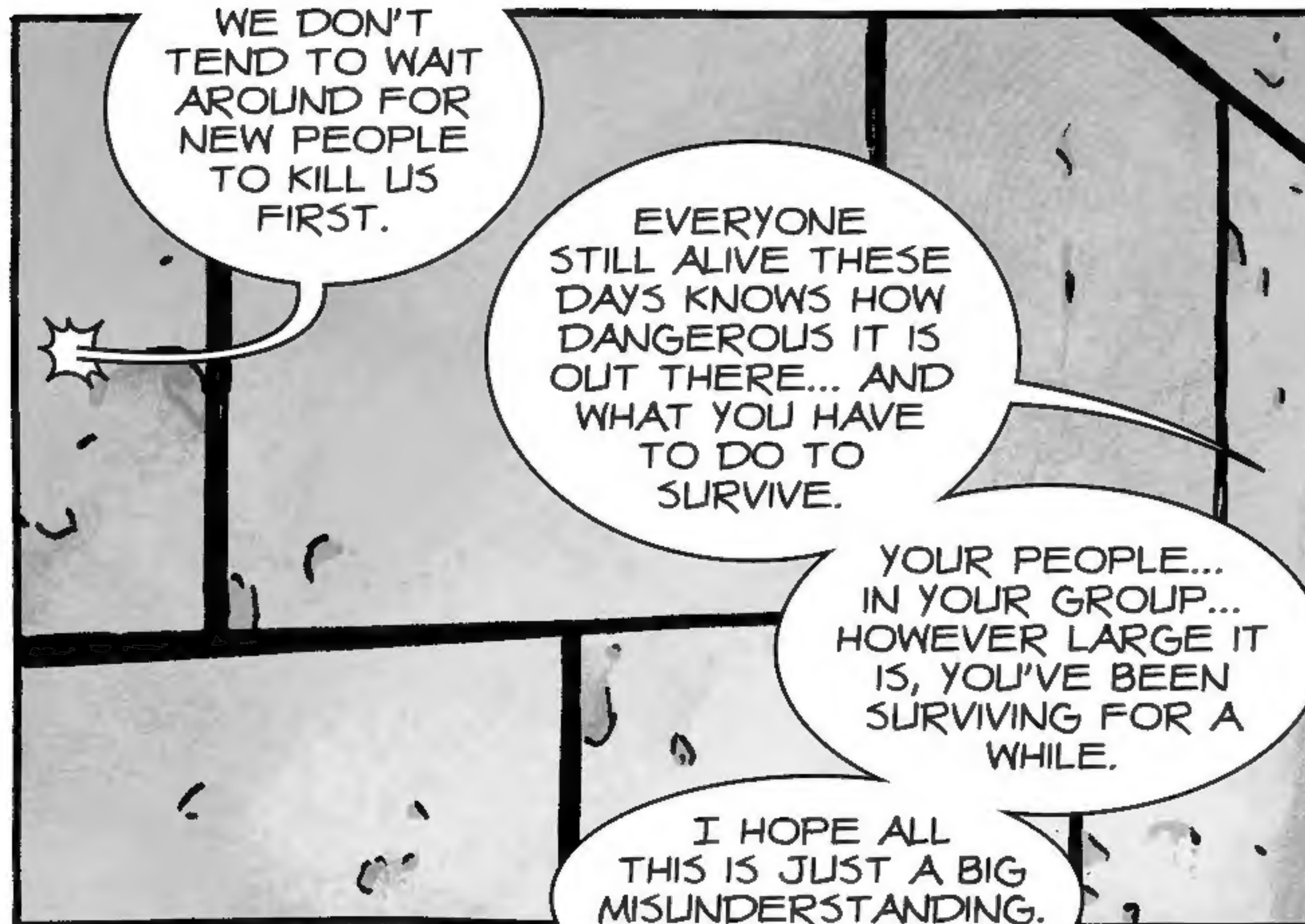




IT WAS MY FIRST OUTING. I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW WHAT WE WERE DOING UNTIL THE ATTACK STARTED. THEY JUST STARTED STABBING THESE GUYS.

I HELPED THEM.

AND HONESTLY... I CAN'T SAY I DIDN'T WANT TO. I REGRET IT NOW, YOU GUYS DON'T SEEM SO BAD, BUT WE'VE DEALT WITH SO MANY PEOPLE... SO MANY **BAD** PEOPLE.



WE DON'T TEND TO WAIT AROUND FOR NEW PEOPLE TO KILL US FIRST.

EVERYONE STILL ALIVE THESE DAYS KNOWS HOW DANGEROUS IT IS OUT THERE... AND WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO TO SURVIVE.

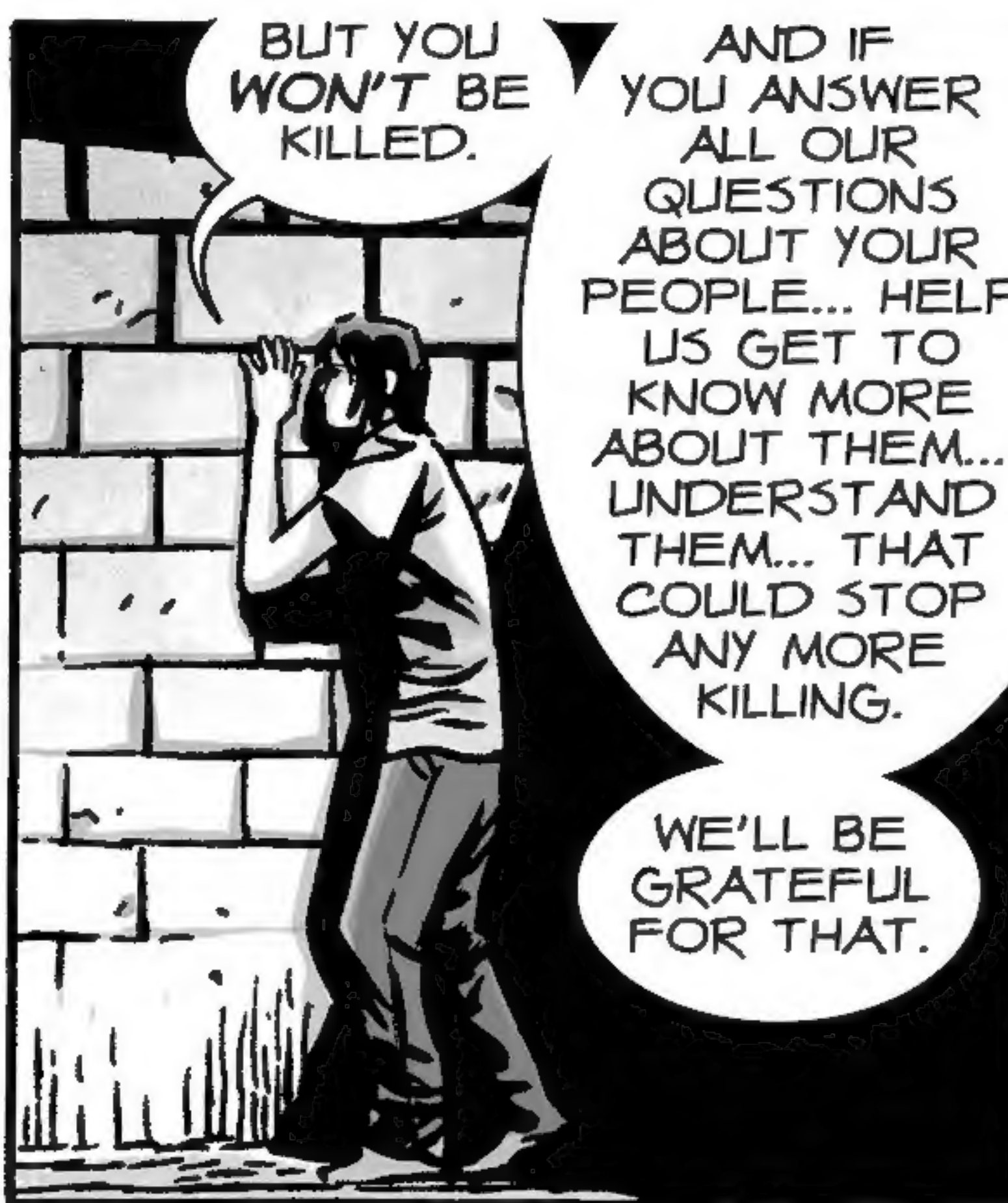
YOUR PEOPLE... IN YOUR GROUP... HOWEVER LARGE IT IS, YOU'VE BEEN SURVIVING FOR A WHILE.

I HOPE ALL THIS IS JUST A BIG MISUNDERSTANDING.



A MISUNDERSTANDING? I KILLED SOME OF YOUR PEOPLE... OR HELPED KILL THEM, AT LEAST.

I'LL HAVE TO BE PUNISHED FOR THAT.



BUT YOU WON'T BE KILLED.

AND IF YOU ANSWER ALL OUR QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR PEOPLE... HELP US GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEM... UNDERSTAND THEM... THAT COULD STOP ANY MORE KILLING.

WE'LL BE GRATEFUL FOR THAT.



GRATEFUL?

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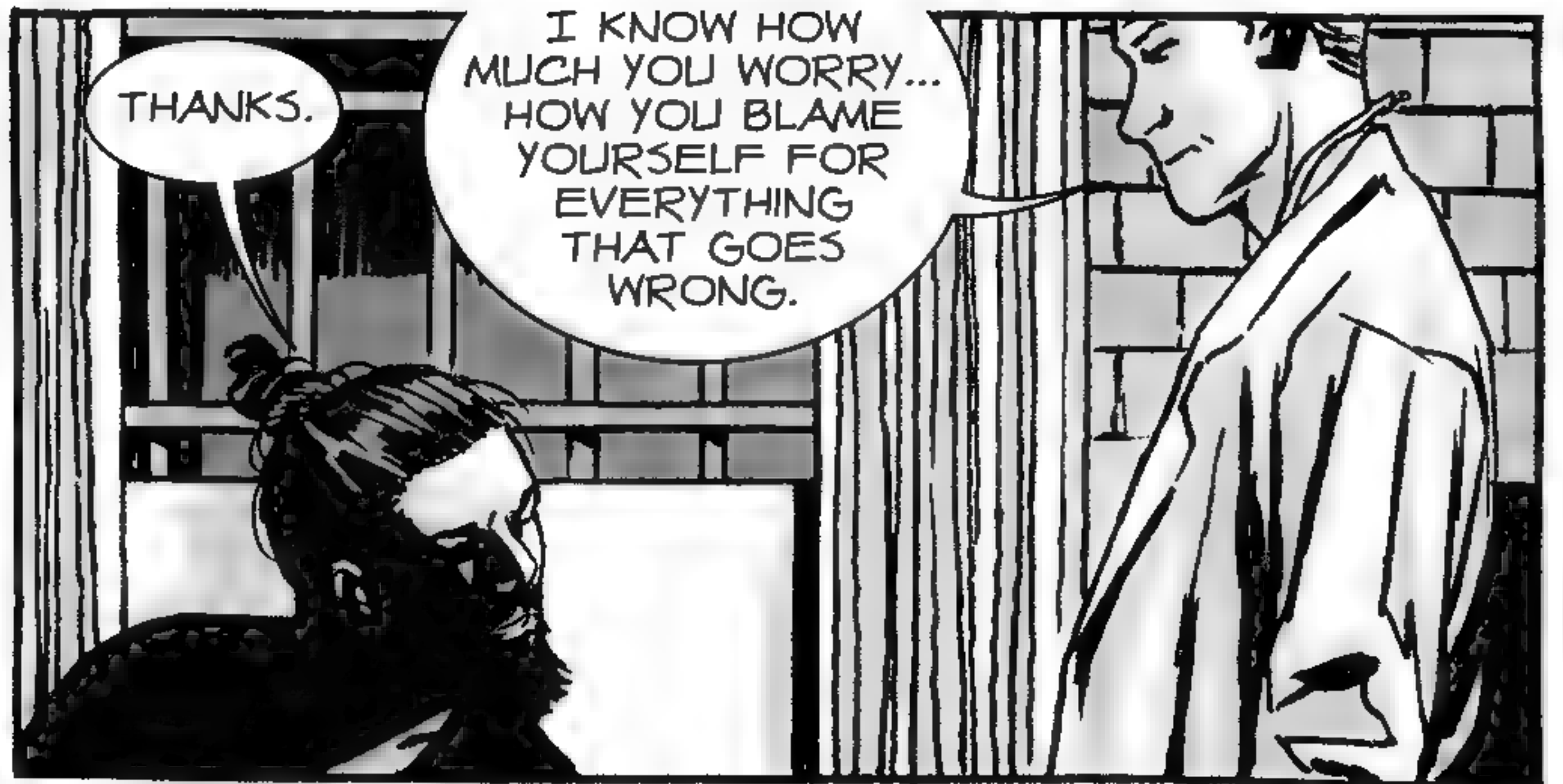


I WANT TO BELIEVE YOU... ABOUT THEM NOT KILLING ME... ABOUT EVERYTHING...

...BUT I'M SCARED.











YOU DID A
BAD THING. WE'VE
ALL DONE BAD
THINGS. IF YOU'RE
TELLING THE TRUTH,
WELL... THEN
YOU CAN BE
FORGIVEN.

IF YOU'RE
LYING TO US...
IF YOU'RE OUT
TO HURT US IN
ANY WAY....

LET ME
JUST TELL
YOU THAT
WOULD BE A
MISTAKE.



I'M NOT
A LIAR.



I HOPE
NOT.



SO... YOU'VE BEEN
OUT IN THE OPEN...
THIS WHOLE
TIME?



I WAS WITH A BIG GROUP
TO START. WE MET UP
WITH SOME PEOPLE...
GROUPS OF FIVE, TEN...
THEY HAD HORRIBLE
STORIES.

I WAS
LUCKY.



MOVING A
LOT IS THE KEY...
KEEP MOVING.
YOU'LL SEE. THIS
PLACE WON'T
LAST.

YOU'RE
DEFINITELY
WRONG ABOUT
THAT. WE'RE
DONE
MOVING.







THIS IS THE PLACE?

IS. HAS TO BE. HE WAS GOING THIS WAY WHEN I LOST HIM.

ONLY PLACE LIKE THIS.



WHAT NOW?

LEADER IS COMING. LYDIA IS STRONG. SHE'LL LAST.

WE WAIT.

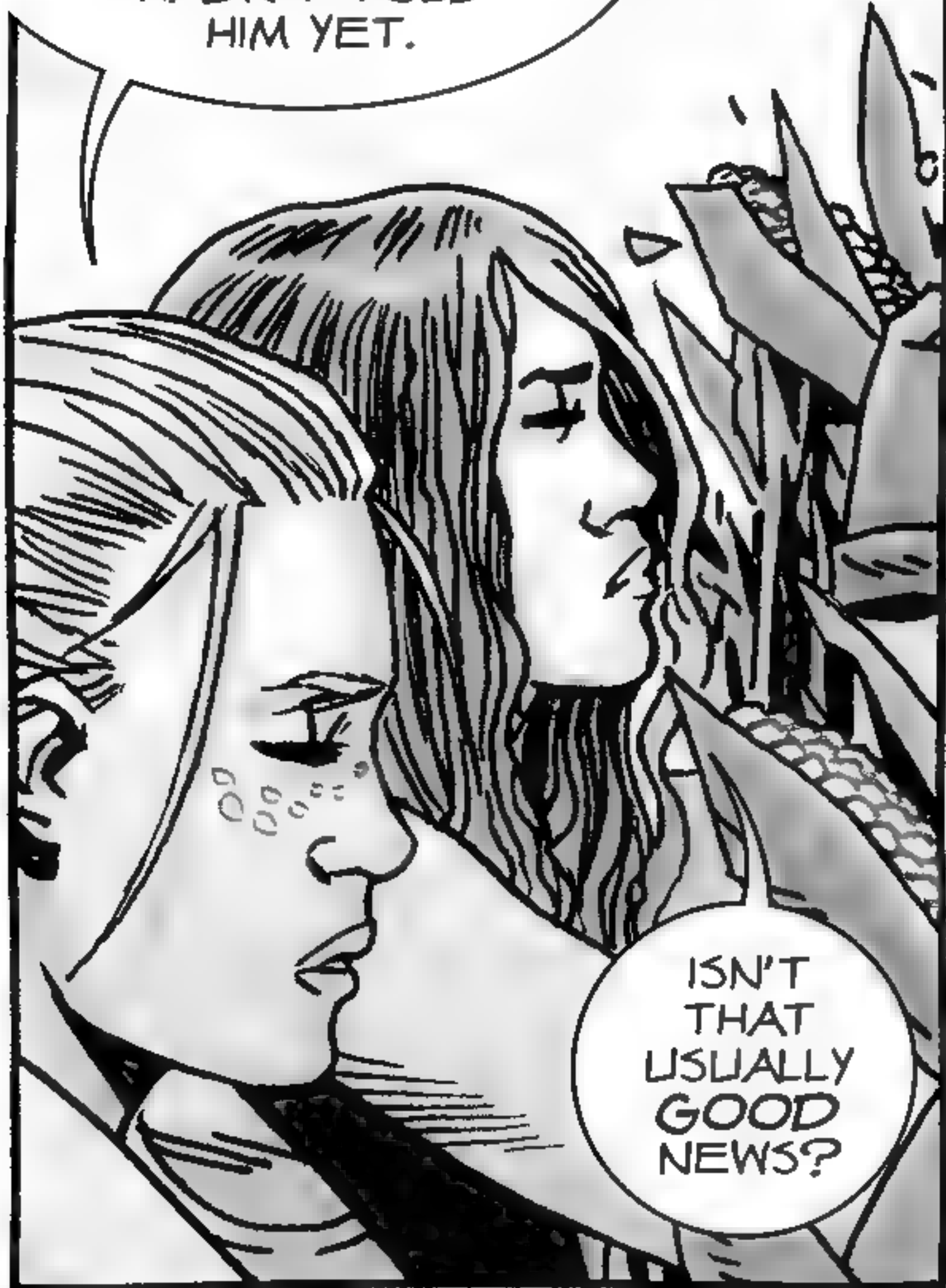


ANDREA,
LOOK.
THAT GUY
OKAY?

EUGENE?
I DON'T KNOW.
SURE DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE
IT.

HE'S BEEN
LIKE THAT FOR
A COUPLE
DAYS...

I REALLY SHOULDN'T...
BUT... HIS GIRLFRIEND
WAS PREGNANT,
HADN'T TOLD
HIM YET.



ISN'T
THAT
USUALLY
GOOD
NEWS?

HE'S EITHER MAD SHE
WAITED SO LONG TO
TELL HIM... OR HE'S
JUST WORRIED ABOUT
RAISING A KID IN
THIS WORLD.



WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS
WORLD? LOOK AT ME. I'M
SWEATING AND IT'S NOT
BECAUSE I'M RUNNING
FROM DEAD
PEOPLE.



YOUR
WORLD IS
GREAT.

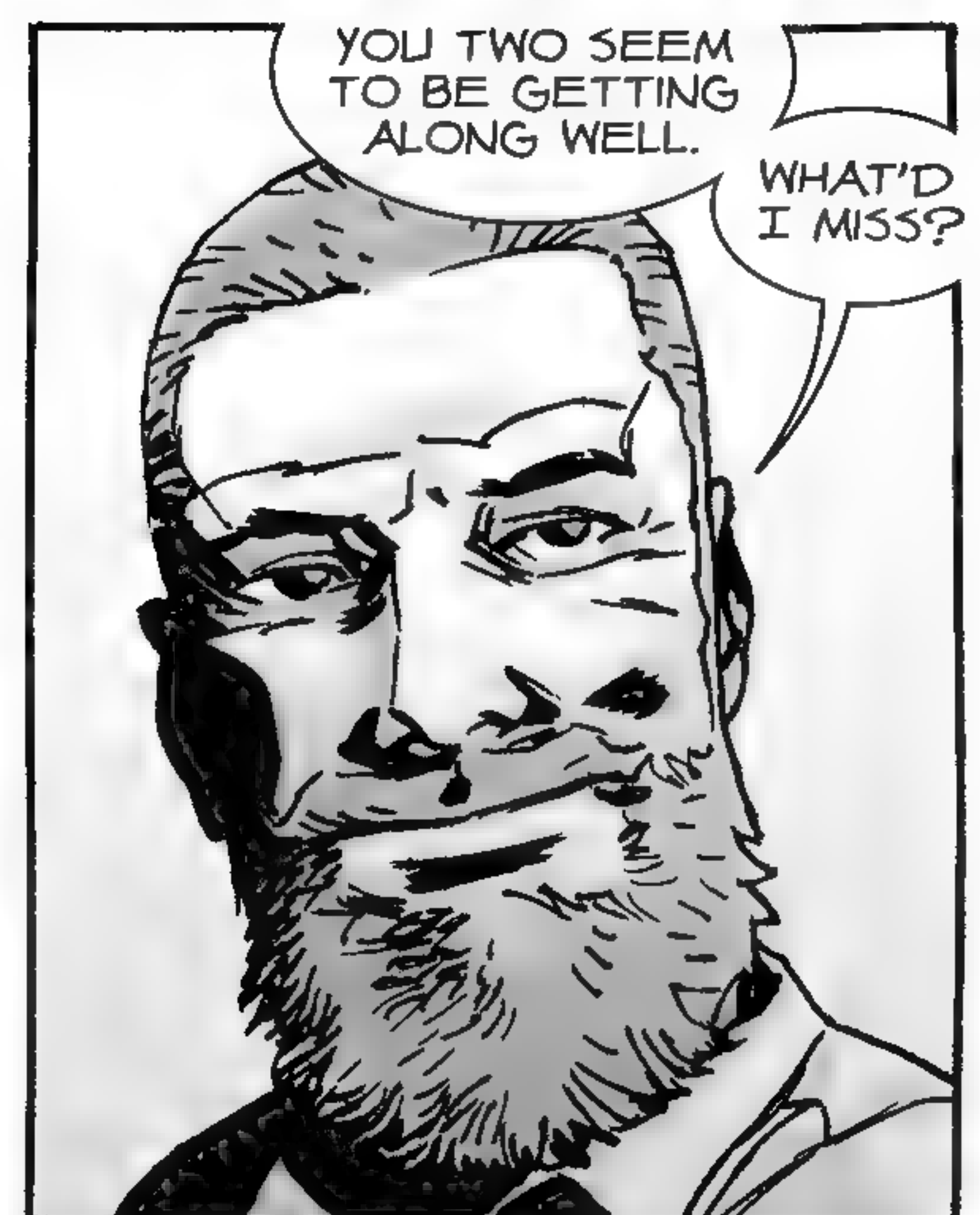
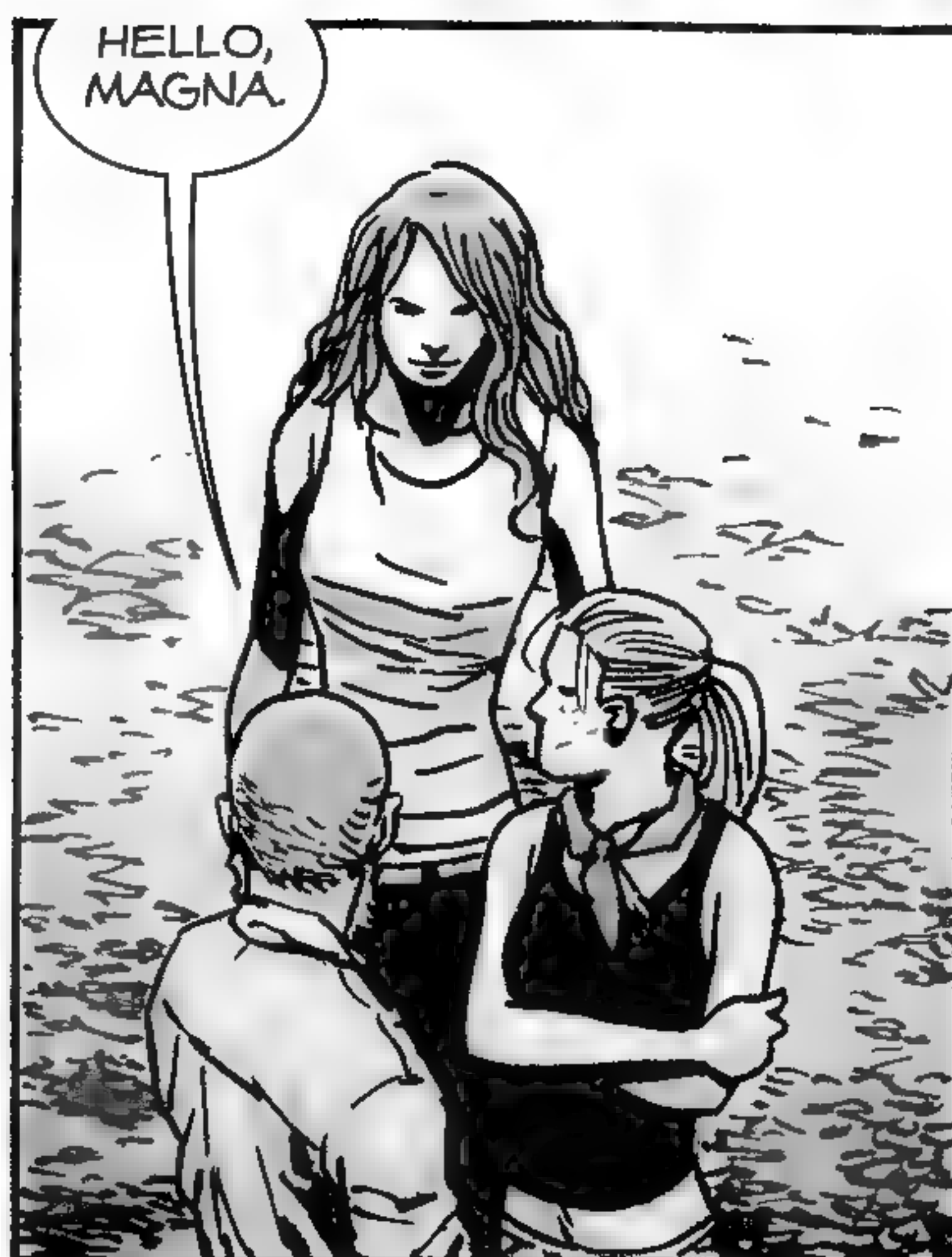
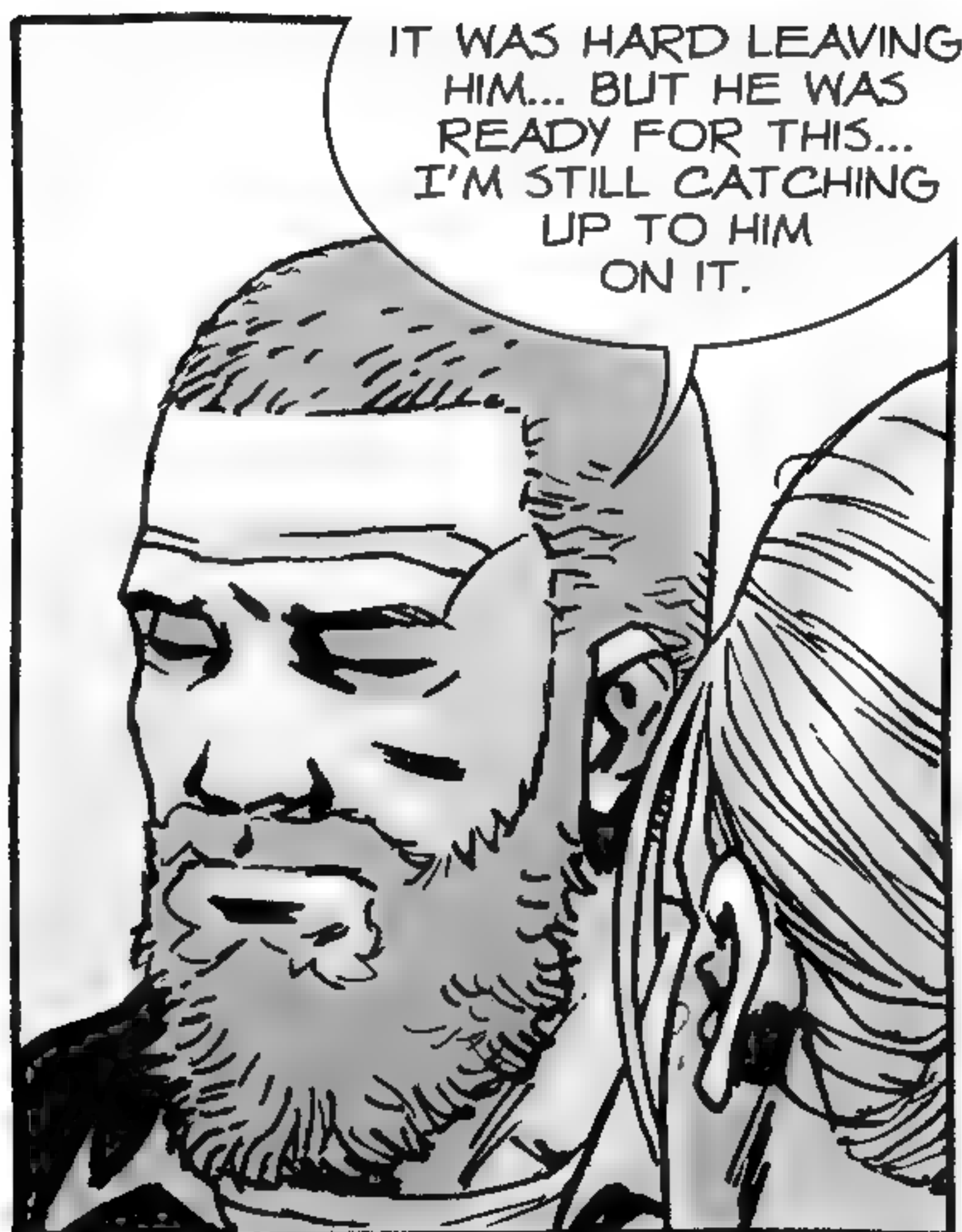
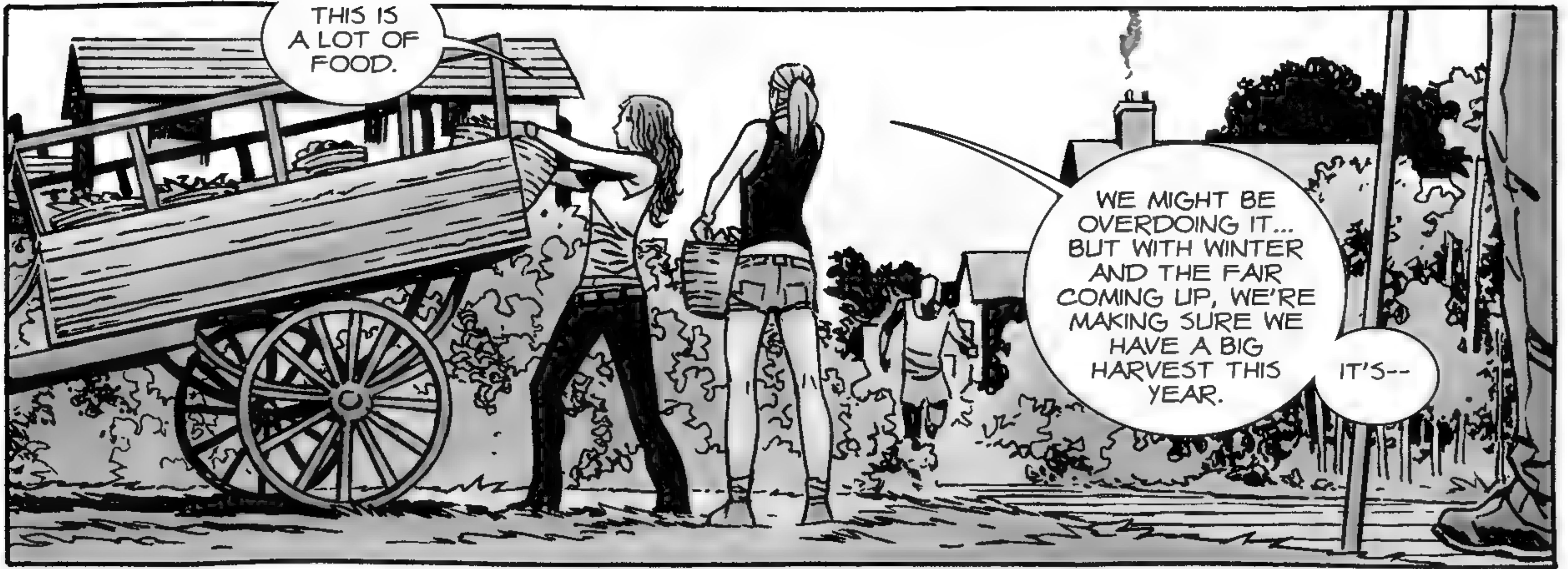
NOT REALLY
HOW EUGENE
THINKS... HE'S
USUALLY TEN
STEPS AHEAD...
NOW I'M MAKING
MYSELF
WORRY.



LET'S
DROP
IT.

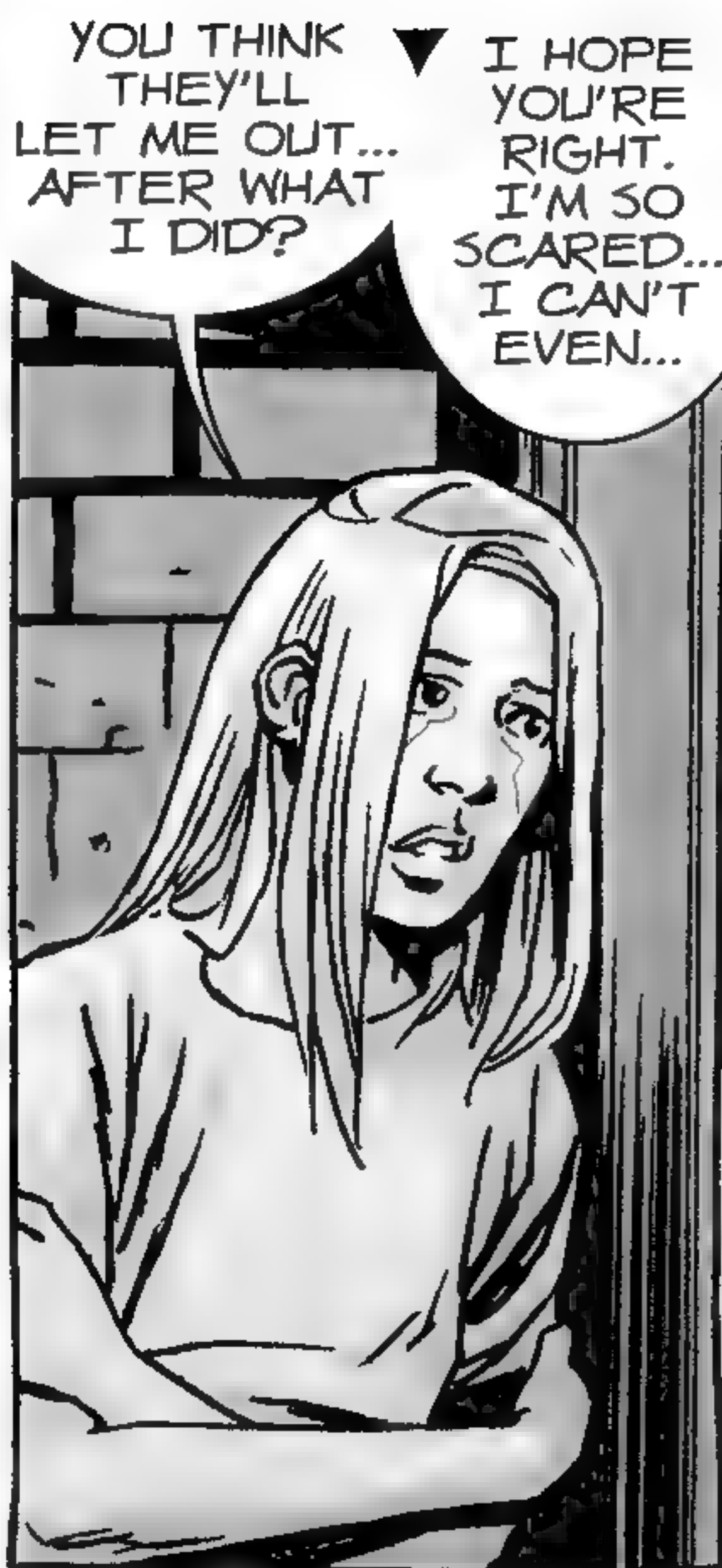
DROPPED.















THE BULLET
WENT RIGHT
THROUGH ME. THEY
TOOK ME TO THIS
GUY'S FARM, HIS
NAME WAS HERSHEL...
THEY PATCHED ME
UP, AND I
MADE IT.

I'VE
NARROWLY
ESCAPED ROAMERS
SO MANY TIMES. MY
DAD WAS SICK ONCE...
AND I WAS PRETTY
MUCH ON MY OWN...
BUT I MADE IT. I
PRETTY MUCH
SAVED HIM.

WE DIDN'T
THINK WE'D
EVER FIND OUR
PEOPLE AGAIN...
BUT WE DID.



THE BULLET...
IT ENTERED MY
EYE--CAME OUT
THE SIDE OF MY
TEMPLE, RIGHT NEXT
TO MY EYE. THE
ANGLE MISSED MY
BRAIN. I LIVED.

I
ALWAYS
LIVE.

THAT'S
THE THING...
I WAS ALMOST
INVINCIBLE,
Y'KNOW?



I KNOW HOW SCARED YOU
ARE. HOW INSECURE YOU
FEEL... HOW UNCERTAIN
THINGS ARE AND HOW
MUCH THAT CAN DRIVE
YOU CRAZY.

I'VE BEEN
THERE MANY
TIMES.



I DON'T BELIEVE IN MAGIC
OR ANYTHING.... BUT I CAN'T
IGNORE WHAT I LIVED
THROUGH... AND THE SENSE
OF SECURITY IT
BROUGHT ME.



AND I
HAVE TO
THINK... IF IT
WORKED SO
WELL FOR
ME...

...MAYBE
IT'LL WORK
FOR YOU.

THANK
YOU.



LETTER HACKS

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Where's Michonne? Seriously, where's Michonne already?

Actually, I like Carl more than Michonne... but I'm liable to change my mind when (if) she shows back up. Love the one you're with, that's what I say.

Don't stoke the flames of that fire, Sean!

Dudes,

Issue 134. Holy pig shit. This is why this book continues to top my must read list. I really hope all of the pissers and moaners in previous Letter Hacks who have threatened to stop reading, have. They don't deserve to know a Walking Dead world where Carl is a ravenous murdering psychopath who can flip to homicidal insanity in a fucking second. He did kill them, right? Yeah...he killed them. He totally killed them.

No.

He did.

He really didn't.

At least I'm pretty sure he did.

I don't mean to be a dick, but I'm definitely sure he didn't.

Anyway, Carl with a mean streak is the best kind of Carl. Cold cock me with a brick when I'm not looking, he says. EAT SHOVEL, DICKWADS! Cheap shotting bitches get stitches. I'm so pumped to see how this plays out. The son of the legendary Rick Grimes on trial for murder! Doomed to a lifetime of exchanging jail house tats with Negan! But I'm getting ahead of myself...

Yeah, this is getting embarrassing, how wrong you are... Top marks for enthusiasm though!

Awesome stuff...fuck the haters...keep it up.

Jared
Gainesville, FL

I really hope Jared isn't suddenly disappointed when he finds out what really happened. It's still cool, right, Jared?

Whew. I knew when Carl ran off after getting smacked with a brick, he'd be back to deal out some punishment. However, I thought it would be a pistol-whipping or something along those lines. As laid back as he's been since the time jump, I didn't see that beast with a shovel lurking.

I'm glad I didn't have to wait the usual month of waiting to see Jesus fuck that set of "whisperers" up too. When the last issue ended, I had a good feeling it wasn't going to turn out well for those people who had Jesus surrounded. I'm curious to find out how many of the whisperers there are out there.

And, damn it...semi-patiently waiting for Michonne to show back up.

Thank you for your patience.

Darrick Patrick
Dayton, Ohio

Each time a letter writer asks where Michonne is I push her reappearance (or confirmation of her death) back by two issues.

Wow. Jesus is a bad ass!! What's the back story on this guy? Who trained him to become so fucking awesome??

His Father.

Also... Is 134 the first Rickless issue?

No, he's been absent a couple issues, the most recent being #105, where Carl and Negan bond in Savior territory.

It's definitely the start of a trend, though.

You guys rock! Keep up the awesome work. And can we please get a sequel to the futuristic edition of TWD... Featuring motherfucking Negan!

Dan Pellegrino
Yuba City, California

You mean the full color story from THE WALKING DEAD #75 that most people don't even remember exists? I'd love to continue that with Ryan Ottley at some point, but we're quite busy with INVINCIBLE. Maybe for issue 150... wait... that's coming up soon... crap.

To my Favorite People in the whole wide world,

#134, WOW! Wowwowwow! Mr. Kirkman, Mr. Mackiewicz is just going to have to suck it up, what you did with Carl. Every character in the book (and show) has got to have a crap-load of PTSD (and continuing-TSD)... so it makes perfect sense Carl wouldn't put up with any more bullying-bullplop and just end it right then and there... not that he was really thinking about what he was doing, more like he was acting on intuition and experience. Like father like son. And it was a fair fight. Brick vs. shovel. Shovel wins.

Brick will have its day.

So, precursor to me claiming my pull box tonight: Every Wednesday I carry around a WD action figure in my left breast pocket of my shirt (people at work have gotten used to this and don't seem to notice any more). Today I carried the B&W version of Jesus (from Skybound.com, thank you very much).

We also now have these sweet new Clementine figures available, as well. She's a bit smaller, your pocket might swallow her up. Really cool sculpt.

I couldn't wait to pick up #134 after work to find out for sure Jesus wasn't killed. The guys at the comic shop wouldn't tell me (shout out to Cosmic Comics in as Vegas, woot!) and instead just teased me about how good the issue was. So all my concentration was on Jesus, and getting into the action of his fight in the first part of #134. Nice back kicks with both legs in opposite directions! Jesus da man (and obviously so is Mr. Adlard)! Phew! He made it. Then holy-jiggers, KirkMAN, you throw in the Carl/Sofia action! WOW!!! I yelled from my spot on the couch and my wife immediately responded with, "Don't tell me don't tell me!" (She's a few issues behind).

[BTW, Mr. Kirkman, I saw your video on your Jesus unboxing, and I have to agree, when we were kids we also

called those hats “toboggans,” and I don’t know why.]

Maybe because kids rode them while sledding? I don’t know. It’s a stupid name we thankfully never used in New England... or the 21st century. (In the next issue of MANIFEST DESTINY though, Lewis & Clark ride a toboggan to escape the dreaded Yeti!)

I was getting ready to fire you until you turned it into a plug for MANIFEST DESTINY. Good save, Sean. Good save.

For my birthday next month, my awesome wife is throwing me a Walking Dead party and everybody is supposed to dress up as a character from TWD (comic or show, their pick). I had originally decided to be Zombie Merle, but after this issue, I want to be a Walkie Talkie! (I love the name Carly Hudson came up with in the letters section and I wish I’d thought of it myself). Maybe for my birthday you can print my letter? I would probably wet myself a little in giddy happiness. (Too far?)

I am definitely not running this because it’s your birthday or because you asked. That would set a DANGEROUS precedent. (Happy Birthday, though!)

Thank you for bringing a ray of sunshine to my day!

Laurie Rikke
Las Vegas, NV

Dear Kirkman,

at one point you said that Michonne was the strongest character in the book. do you think that has changed to Paul (Samurai Jesus) Monroe? I mean, I don’t know if any other character could have done what he did against the whisperers. not even Michonne?

HULK IS STILL STRONGEST THERE IS!!!

Also I love the influence of negan on carl. keep up the good work,

Israel gulley

Dear Kirkman & crew,

First of all, I don’t believe this letter will ever be published, you see, I’m not a lucky guy! But I really hope you get to read it at least. Secondly, I just LOVE EVERYTHING ABOUT THE WALKING DEAD. Everything!!! The writing, the drawings, the cliffhangers, the characters and I’m not personally a zombie fan! For that, thank you so much for making my life much better and to giving me something to do whenever I don’t feel like studying lol Anyway, I want you to know that the direction you’re taking this comic to is simply amazing. I have absolutely no idea where or how this Whisperers shit will end and what repercussions it will bring to everyone, but I’m eager to find that out. Before I say my goodbyes, one small question. Anything huge planned for issue 150? I mean, besides being a milestone, it’s also the finale of the 25th volume!!! That has got to count for something right? Finally, thank you once again for being so awesome in what you do! My best wishes, you fuckers! AND MAKE SURE YOU PUBLISH THIS OK? IT TOOK ME A LONG TIME TYPING ON MY PHONE!

Alex Webster

Jeebus... #150 comes out one year from now. You’ve still got 13 more to write before then! Don’t let that thought cripple your writing process, Robert!

Typing on your phone?! C’mon! Yeah... 150... we should definitely do something special there. I’ll start making plans. And Sean, 13 more issues in no way intimidates me. Once it got over 100... what’s a few hundred more?

During the All Out War Arc, did more people die from the Alexandria Safe-Zone, Hilltop Colony, The Kingdom or the Sanctuary?

Jarrold

I think technically the Kingdom lost more people... I think. Sean?

I think it was a tie.

Or, actually, maybe it was the Sanctuary that lost more people. I wasn’t really keeping a tally.

Hey again Kirkman and pals!

Whatever happened to Rick’s hatchet? Is it just used for chopping firewood these days or did he ditch it along with that phone?

Cheers!

Owen

He mounted it above his fireplace, swearing never to use it again.

He sort of just abandoned it after they got to Alexandria, right? I don’t think he ever really had any affinity for it the way Michonne thinks of her sword.

Heh heh heh, so Carl went apeshit on those kids eh? Let’s hope he takes it further and goes crazyade bonkers with a chainsaw. And sex.

Chainsaws and sex should never mix.

I want him to be the next “Big Bad”. I want Rick to have to deal with what a fucknuckle Carl’s become. You see where I’m coming from? Make the squeeing Carlfans cry. Go on, you know it makes sense.

Man, you guys have such a low opinion of Carl.

Oh and let Rick and Andrea get married in a lovely ceremony. With walkers as maids of honour. See? I’m really an old romantic at heart.

Been a while since we had a proper wedding.

Paul Cowan
Wrexham, Wales

Yes it has...

ok just hear me out! i have been thinking about this for the last couple days and i thought MAYBE it might interest you if you hadnt thought of it already. what if we kill rick, instead of shane? kinda do it all over again maybe and everything stays the same, except shane succeeds in killing rick! how would it change, would they survive? of course hershal would kick them out blah blah blah, but would they make it farther? would they die off faster? would they all split up because shane is a dick hole. so many possibilities! it would be like an alternate “ending” only not. i think it could come out really cool. my boyfriend doesnt care for the show, but i make him watch it, and i told him my idea last night, he said it was worth a shot :) i hope to hear back from you on why its good or bad, i would like the imput :) thank you for reading my letter :)

Marcella

Have you ever talked about this? About how the choice between who would survive that first arc--Rick or Shane--was a very real thing?

I’ve talked about it in the letters column many times... and I’ll talk about it in THE CUTTING ROOM FLOOR... if I ever get around to finishing that book. I’ve also thought out how it would be cool to do a one-shot laying out how things would be different... or a whole side series, and then I ruled that out because it’s a terrible idea. But the fact that there isn’t a second “what if”-style WALKING DEAD series is literally the ONLY evidence left that I’m not a complete sellout.

Next month, something happens that a lot of you have requested... Though you folks have requested lots of bat shit things, so you’re better off not jumping to conclusions. It’s a good one.

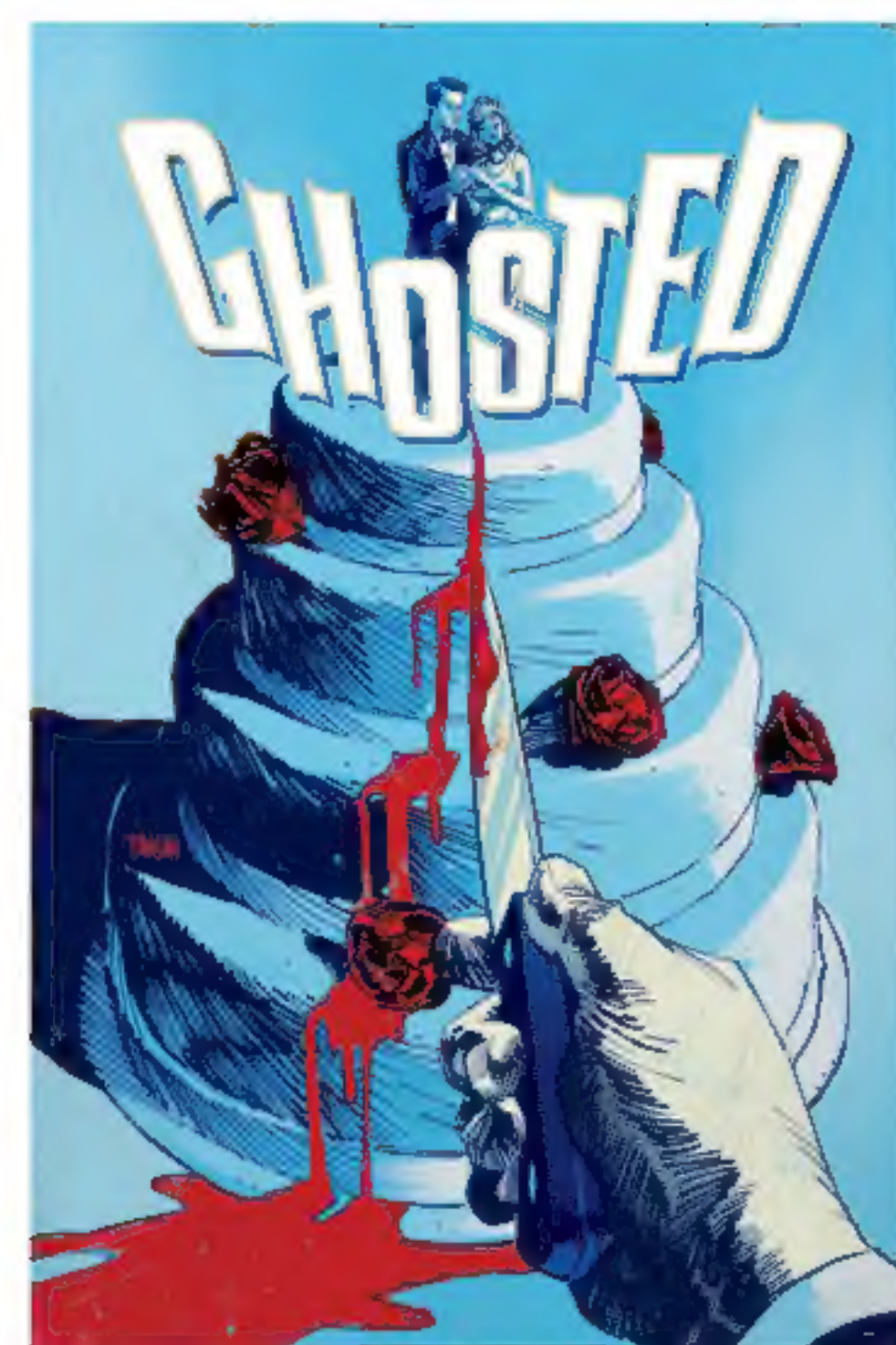
-Sean Mackiewicz

Oh, boy... I can’t wait!

See you all back here very soon!

-Robert Kirkman

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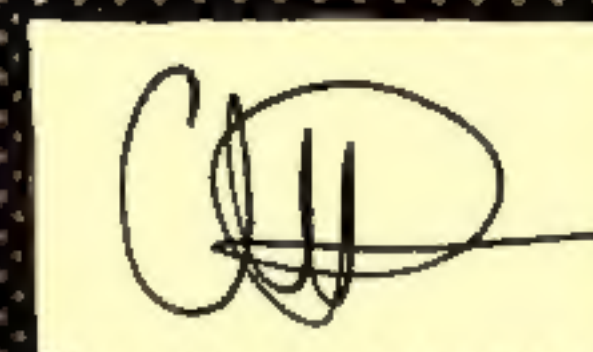


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